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FROM: NEW YORK

TO: Secretary of State

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FOR THE SECRETARY.

RE: SOVIET COMPLAINT TO SC.

FOL IS TEXT GROMYKO (USSR) CABLE TO PRES SC REQUESTING URGENT COUNCIL MEETING:

"MR. PRESIDENT,

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USSR REQUESTS THAT THE SC SHOULD BE CONVENED URGENTLY TO EXAMINE THE QUESTION OF AGGRESSIVE ACTS BY THE AIR FORCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION, CREATING A THREAT TO UNIVERSAL PEACE. THE NEED FOR IMMEDIATE EXAMINATION OF THIS QUESTION ARISES FROM THE FACT THAT MILITARY AIRCRAFT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAVE REPEATEDLY ENCROACHED UPON THE AIR SPACE OF THE USSR AND THAT THE GOVT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS DECLARED THESE ACTIONS ON ITS PART WHICH VIOLATE THE FRONTIERS OF OTHER SOVEREIGN STATES TO BE ITS STATE POLICY. UNDER THE UN CHARTER THE SC BEARS THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, THE SOVIET GOVT EXPECTS THAT THE SC WILL URGENTLY CONSIDER THE QUESTION REFERRED TO ABOVE AND WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO HALT THE UNHEARD OF PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHICH REPRESENT A THREAT TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE. AN EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM IS BEING SENT TO YOU IN AMPLIFICATION."

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